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## **Mexican National Sentenced to 235 Months for the Distribution of Methamphetamine and Unlawfully Re-Entering the United States after Deportation**

**LEXINGTON, Ky.** — Jose Navarro Rios, 45, a Mexican national residing in Lancaster Ky., was sentenced today, to 235 months in federal prison, by United States District Judge Danny C. Reeves, for distributing methamphetamine and illegally re-entering the United States after having previously been deported. Judge Reeves also ordered Rios to pay a \$4,000 fine and ordered five years of supervised release. Rios will be deported following service of his sentence.

Rios admitted that he sold approximately 13 pounds of methamphetamine, on four prior occasions, between March 28, 2018 and April 18, 2018. The methamphetamine was manufactured in Mexico and transported to Kentucky for distribution. Rios also admitted he had been deported from the United States on two prior occasions and had unlawfully re-entered the United States.

Under federal law, Rios must serve 85 percent of his prison sentence

Robert M. Duncan, Jr., United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky; James Robert Brown, Jr., Special Agent in Charge, FBI; Kristoffer Cortex, Acting Assistant Field Office Director, ICE; Steven Igyarto, Resident Agent in Charge, Department of Homeland Security; Richard Sanders, Commissioner of the Kentucky State Police; and Chief Lawrence Weathers, Lexington Police Department, jointly made the announcement.

The investigation was conducted by the FBI, ICE, DHS, KSP, and the Lexington Police Department. The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Roger W. West.

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